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RICHARD CARSON AT THE MERCY OF A RENEGADE RAYDEEN...
FORWARD, FELLOW YAKUZA! CONQUER SHOGUN SANCTUARY FOR THE HONOR OF OUR CRIMINAL BROTHERHOOD!

From an ancient sanctuary hidden in the mountains of Japan come Raydeen, Combatra and Dangard Ace— giant robots operated by three courageous humans, Richard Carson, Genji Odashu, and Ilongo Savage — ready to fight the forces of evil wherever they arise!

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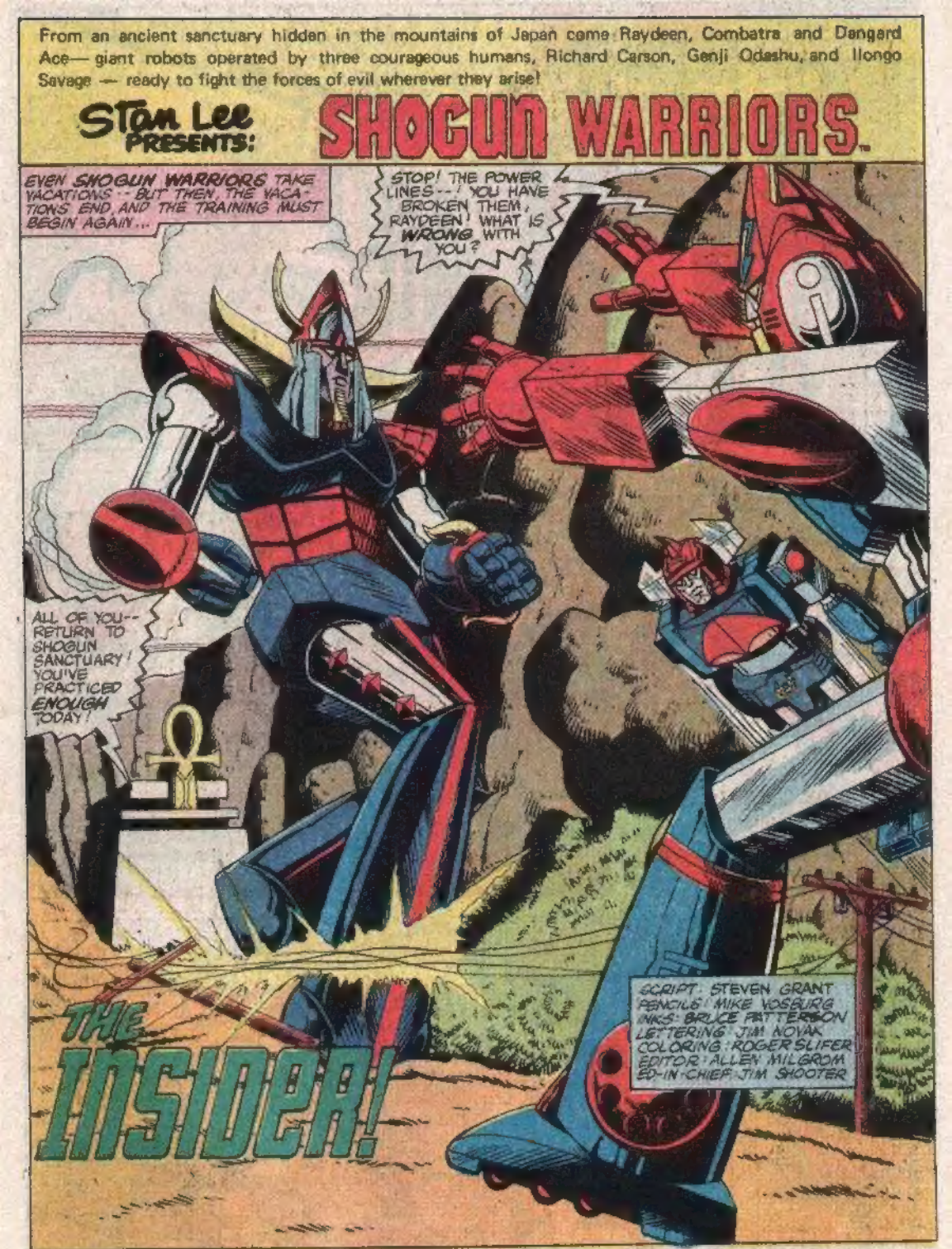
EVEN SHOGUN WARRIORS TAKE VACATIONS -- BUT THEN, THE VACATIONS END, AND THE TRAINING MUST BEGIN AGAIN...
STOP! THE POWER LINES -- ! YOU HAVE BROKEN THEM, RAYDEEN! WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU?
ALL OF YOU -- RETURN TO SHOGUN SANCTUARY! YOU'VE PRACTICED ENOUGH TODAY!
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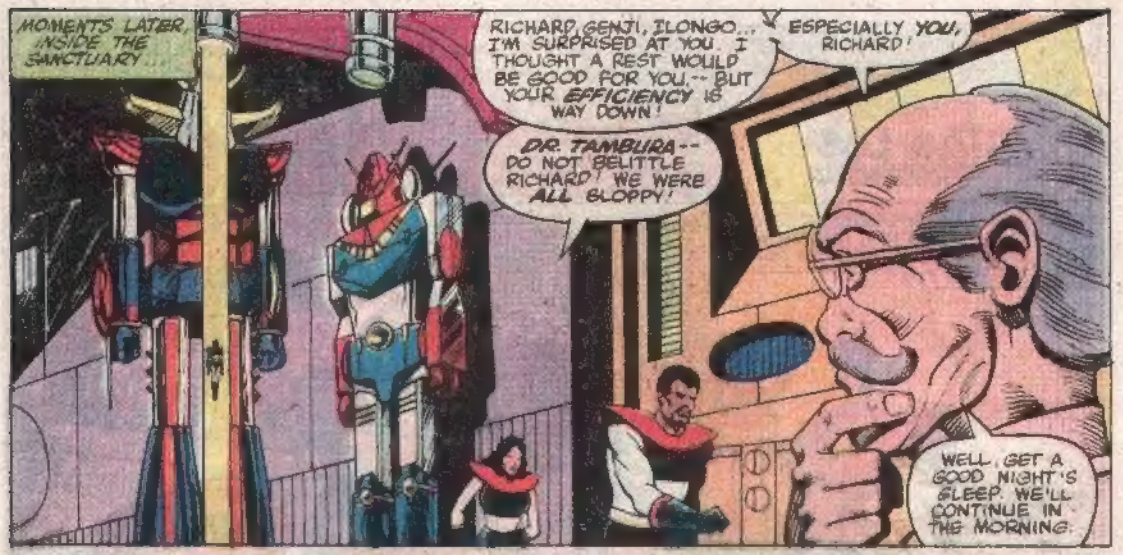

MOMENTS LATER, INSIDE THE SANCTUARY...
RICHARD, GENJI, ILONGO... I'M SURPRISED AT YOU. I THOUGHT A REST WOULD BE GOOD FOR YOU.-- BUT YOUR EFFICIENCY IS WAY DOWN!
ESPECIALLY YOU, RICHARD!
DR. TAMBURA-- DO NOT BELITTLE RICHARD! WE WERE ALL GLOPPY!
WELL, GET A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP. WE'LL CONTINUE IN THE MORNING.

YET, AFTER DR. TAMBURA HAS LEFT THE ROOM...
YOU SEEM STRANGE, RICHARD! HAS SOMETHING GONE WRONG AT HOME? PERHAPS WE...

LOOK GENJI... I'VE HAD A LONG TRIP AND I'M VERY, VERY TIRED. I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT A LOT OF THINGS--

--BUT I DON'T FEEL MUCH LIKE DISCUSSING THEM, OKAY?
I'LL SEE MYSELF TO MY ROOM.
RICHARD!

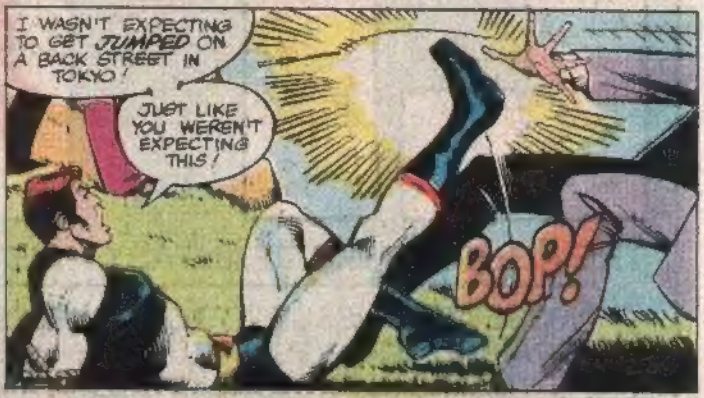
I MAY HAVE BEEN TOO ABRUPT.. BUT I COULDN'T LET HER GET CLOSE TO THE TRUTH NOW TO CONTACT THE OUTSIDE--

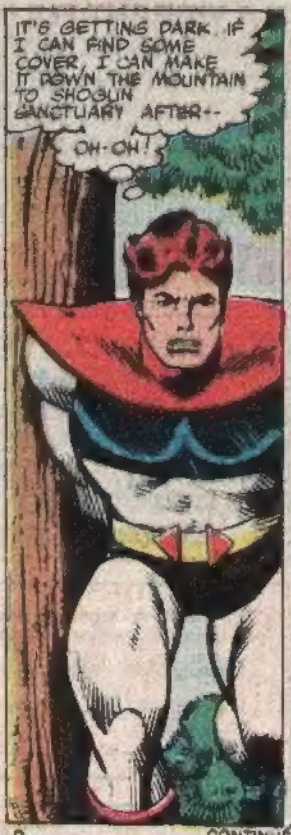
--ON MY HIDDEN MICROCHIP TRANSMITTER!
COME IN MISHU! PROJECT SHOGUN IS PROCEEDING AS PLANNED!

TOMORROW I WILL STEAL A SHOGUN WARRIOR!
BOSS! MR. MISHU! A SIGNAL FROM SHOGUN SANCTUARY! OUR AGENT GIVES THE GO-AHEAD FOR TOMORROW!

AH, GOOD! BUT WAS IT NOT PLANNED THUS? FROM THE MOMENT THE SHOGUN WARRIORS REVEALED THEMSELVES--
--THEY WERE DESTINED TO BE CONTROLLED BY THE YAKUZA!*
*A SECRET SOCIETY, THE JAPANESE VERSION OF THE MAFIA--SCHOLARLY AL

IT WAS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE WE DISCOVERED THE LOCATION OF THE SANCTUARY--AND UNTIL WE CAPTURED ONE OF THE SHOGUN'S RIDERS!
YEAH, GOOD LAUGH, MISHU!





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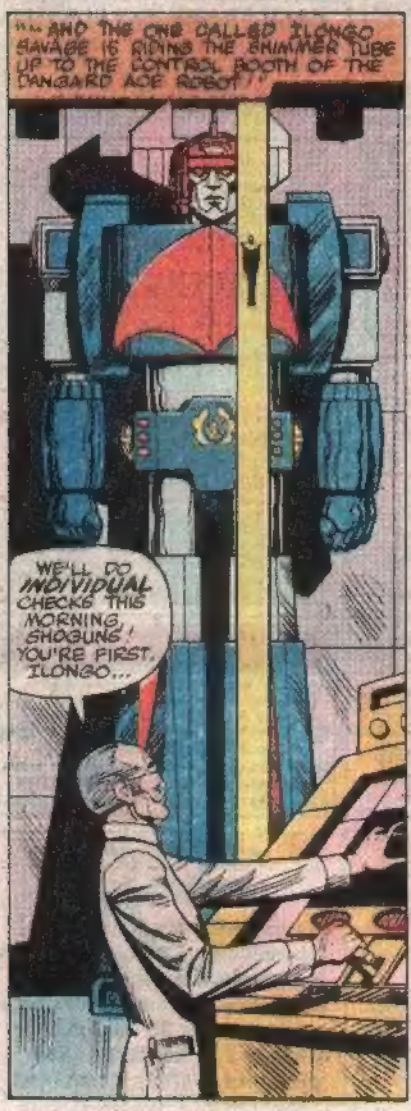
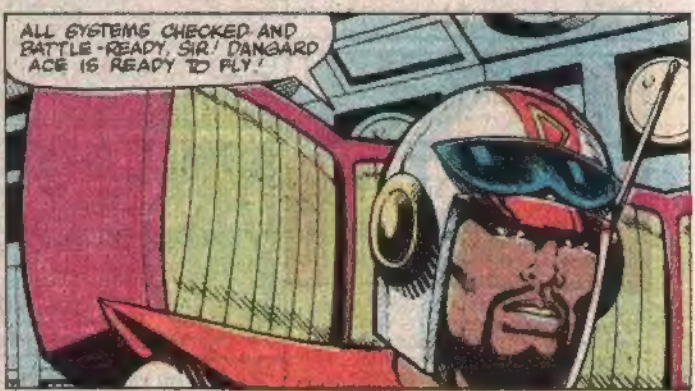
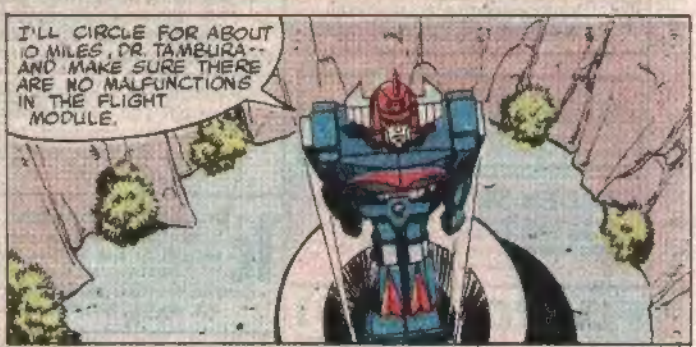
WELL, I KNOW WHAT HOPALONG CASSIDY WOULD DO!
THIS!
AIEEE! MY EYES!
WHADDYA KNOW? IT WORKED! SCORE ONE FOR THE GOOD GUYS!
ARRGH!
WHUMP!
SINCE EDO'S SWORD IS HANDY, I MIGHT AS WELL CUT THROUGH THESE ROPES WHILE...
DO NOT ATTEMPT TO REACH THE SWORD, MR. CARSON. UNLIKE EDO, MASAICHI AND TSUKI WOULD THINK NOTHING OF SHOOTING YOU!
AND I WOULD JUST AS SOON KEEP YOU ALIVE--AT LEAST FOR A LITTLE WHILE...
HOWEVER, I WILL BROOK NO NO MORE INTERFERENCE FROM YOU, MR. CARSON--AND SO...
WHAP!
GOOD NIGHT, MR. CARSON.
I HOPE YOU APPRECIATE TOMORROW'S SUNRISE--FOR YOU WILL NOT SEE ANOTHER.

NEXT MORNING...
AH, GOOD! THERE ARE NO SIGNS THAT THOSE BELOW HAVE DISCOVERED OUR PRESENCE!
AWAKE, MR. CARSON? YOUR DOUBLE IN THE SANCTUARY HAS BEEN CONTINUOUSLY BROADCASTING FOR THREE HOURS!


"...AND THE ONE CALLED ILONGO SAVAGE IS RIDING THE SHIMMER TUBE UP TO THE CONTROL BOOTH OF THE DANGARD ACE ROBOT!"
WE'LL DO INDIVIDUAL CHECKS THIS MORNING, SHOGUN! YOU'RE FIRST, ILONGO...





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EH--? THAT'S ODD! FOR A MINUTE, I THOUGHT I HEARD... NO! THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE CARSON'S BACK AT SANCTUARY.
WHICH IS WHERE I SHOULD BE HEADING, IF I WANT TO STAY ON DR. TAMBURA'S GOOD SIDE.
DANGARD ACE IS IN FINE SHAPE, SIR -- WHICH IS MORE THAN I CAN SAY FOR MYSELF I FEEL EVEN MORE SLUGGISH THAN YESTERDAY!
YOU'D BETTER HAVE A PHYSICAL, ILONGO -- TAKE CARE OF IT AT BREAK.
YOU'RE NEXT, RICHARD!
BY THE WAY, A FUNNY THING HAPPENED... AS I WAS COMING BACK, I THOUGHT I HEARD CARSON CALLING.
ME? HA-HA.. YOU'RE IN WORSE SHAPE THAN YOU THOUGHT!
THERE'S THE SIGNAL! SAKANOE WILL BE TAKING OVER THE RAYDEEN ROBOT IN MERE MOMENTS!
MAGAICHI! EDO! SHOW MR CARSON TO THE CAR!
THIS IS YOUR BIG PLAN?! YOU'RE GOING TO DRIVE INTO THE SANCTUARY AND TAKE RAYDEEN?
IN A WAY, MR. CARSON. TO BE PRECISE, YOU ARE GOING TO!
WE FELT A DIVERSION MIGHT AID SAKANOE'S CHANCES--AND A CAR DROPPING A QUARTER OF A MILE ONTO THE SANCTUARY ROOF SHOULD BE DIVERSION ENOUGH.
HEY! AMERICAN SHOGUN! HAVE A NICE TRIP-- WE'LL BE CHEERING FOR YOU ALL THE WAY!

BE SURE TO SCREAM ON YOUR WAY DOWN, MR. CARSON! THE MORE NOISE, THE BETTER!
HOLY--! I'LL BE A FLYSPECK ON SHOGUN SANCTUARY IN ABOUT 20 SECONDS IF I DON'T DO SOMETHING!
LET'S SEE-- THE SEAT RELEASE SHOULD BE RIGHT ABOUT HERE--
--AND WITH THE SEAT MOVED BACK ALL THE WAY, I CAN GET MY FEET TO THE STEERING WHEEL!
YOU'D THINK EDO WOULD HAVE TIED MY FEET THIS TIME!
OF COURSE, MOST PEOPLE WOULD BE TOO SCARED AT A MOMENT LIKE THIS TO EVEN MOVE--
-- BUT THEN, MOST PEOPLE DON'T STUNT DRIVE FOR A LIVING LIKE I DO!
SKREEE!
THEN AGAIN, I CAN'T REACH THE BRAKES FROM THIS POSITION, SOOO...
SHOGUN SANCTUARY, HERE I COME!

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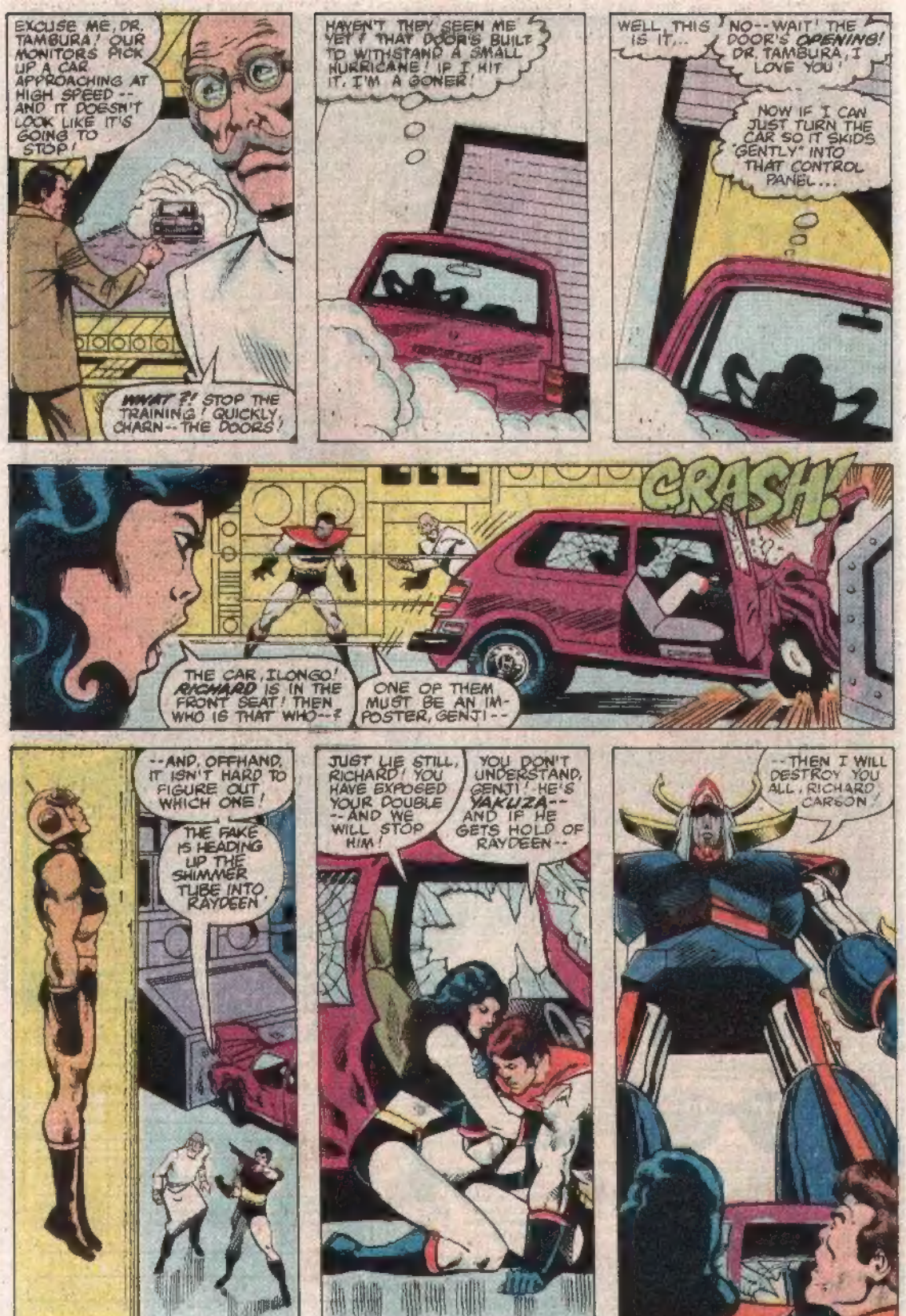
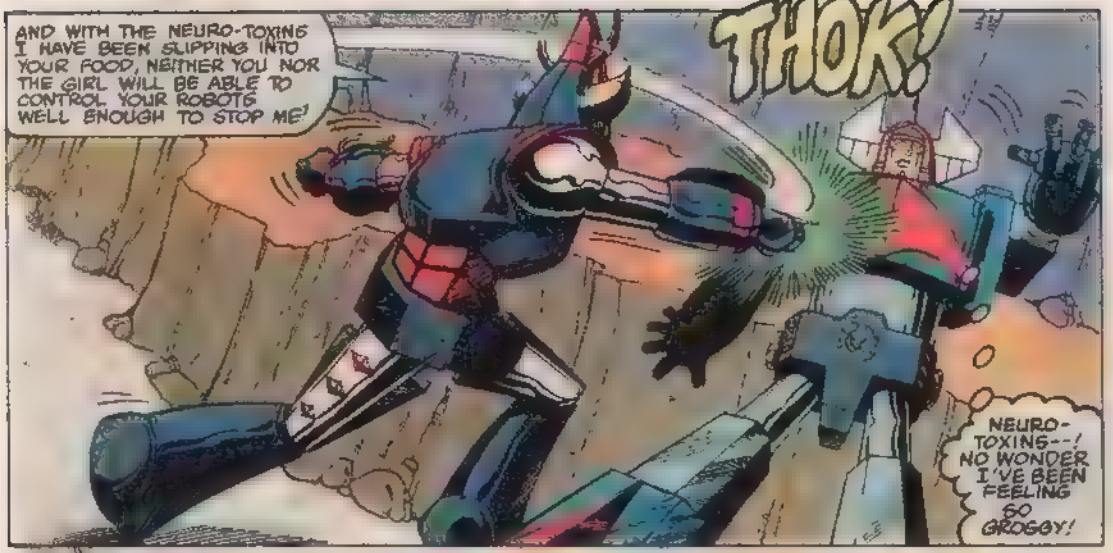
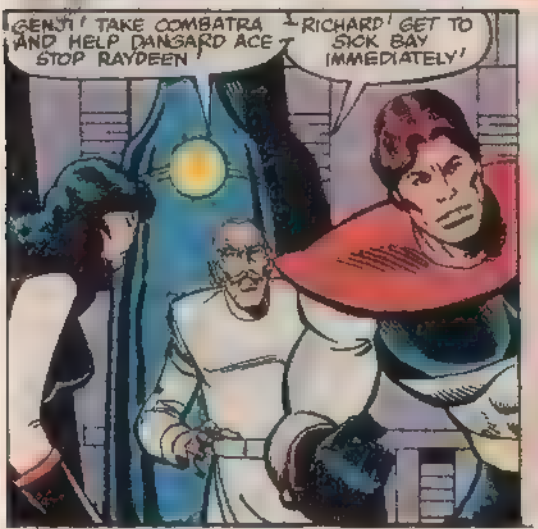
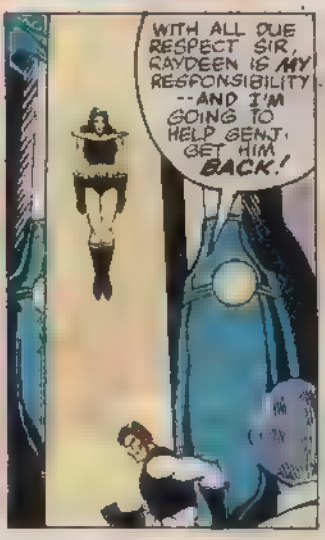
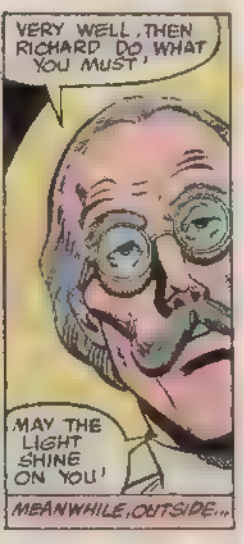

EXCUSE ME, DR. TAMBURA! OUR MONITORS PICK UP A CAR APPROACHING AT HIGH SPEED -- AND IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE IT'S GOING TO STOP!
WHAT?! STOP THE TRAINING! QUICKLY, CHARN -- THE DOORS!
HAVEN'T THEY SEEN ME YET? THAT DOOR'S BUILT TO WITHSTAND A SMALL HURRICANE! IF I HIT IT, I'M A GONER!
WELL, THIS IS IT...
NO -- WAIT! THE DOOR'S OPENING! DR. TAMBURA, I LOVE YOU!
NOW IF I CAN JUST TURN THE CAR SO IT SKIDS "GENTLY" INTO THAT CONTROL PANEL...
CRASH!
THE CAR, ILONGO! RICHARD IS IN THE FRONT SEAT! THEN WHO IS THAT WHO--?
ONE OF THEM MUST BE AN IMPOSTER, GENJI--
--AND, OFFHAND, IT ISN'T HARD TO FIGURE OUT WHICH ONE!
THE FAKE IS HEADING UP THE SHIMMER TUBE INTO RAYDEEN.
JUST LIE STILL, RICHARD! YOU HAVE EXPOSED YOUR DOUBLE -- AND WE WILL STOP HIM!
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND, GENJI! HE'S YAKUZA -- AND IF HE GETS HOLD OF RAYDEEN --
--THEN I WILL DESTROY YOU ALL, RICHARD, CARSON!

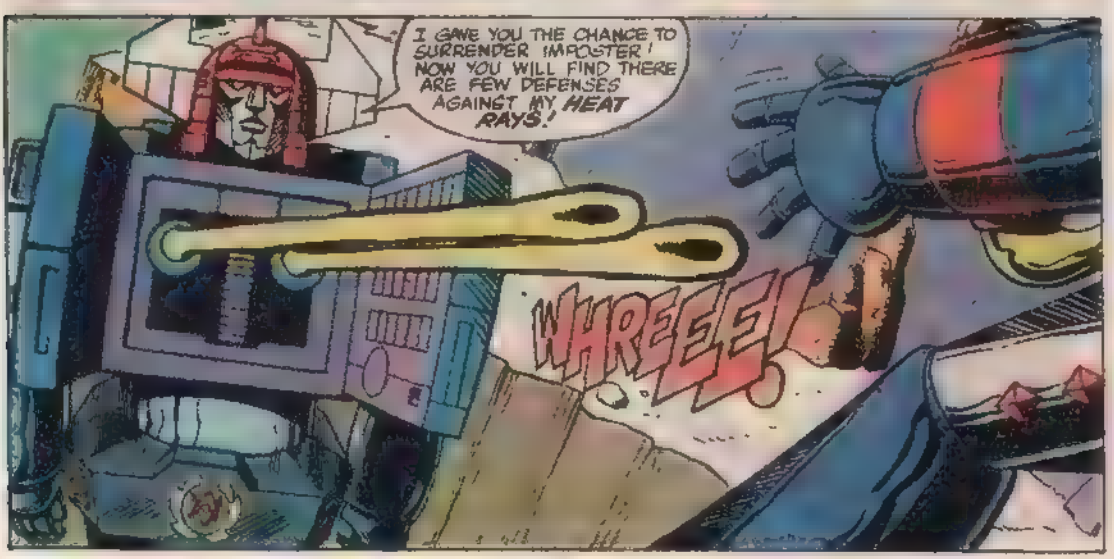
GENJI! FROM RAYDEEN'S CHEST -- A SCREAMER-HAWK!
WHOOM!
BEFORE IT HITS -- JUMP!
AMAZING! I HAD NOT THOUGHT ANYONE COULD DODGE A SCREAMER-HAWK MISSILE!
STILL, THEY WILL PERISH -- WHEN I BRING THIS BUILDING DOWN AROUND THEM!
YOU WON'T GET THE CHANCE, IMPOSTER!
AS YOU TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE CONFUSION TO REACH YOUR ROBOT, SO DID I!
AND IT IS IN THE SKIES, AWAY FROM THE SANCTUARY, THAT WE SHALL FIND OUT WHICH OF US IS SUPERIOR!
FOOL! I AM A TRUE SHOGUN -- A YAKUZA.
I AM HONOR -- AND I AM DEATH!

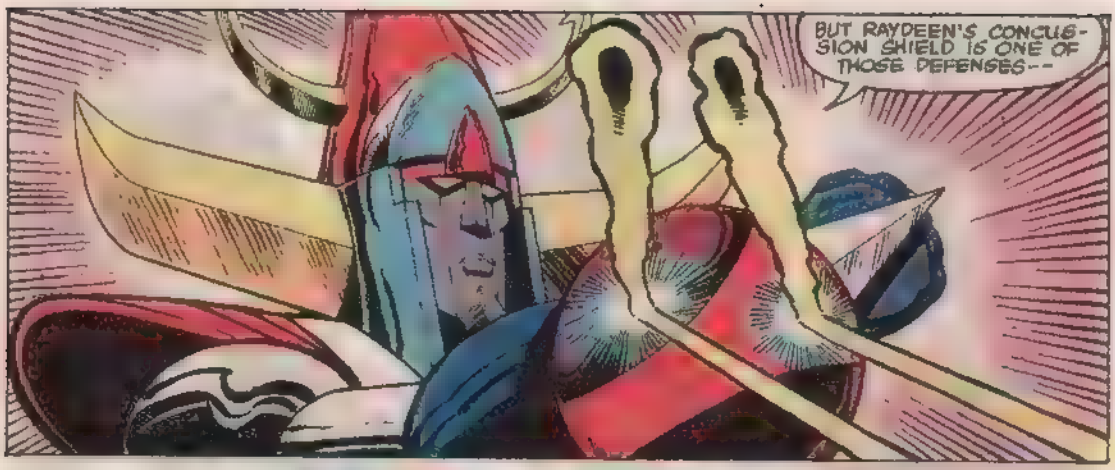

AND WITH THE NEURO-TOXINS I HAVE BEEN SLIPPING INTO YOUR FOOD, NEITHER YOU NOR THE GIRL WILL BE ABLE TO CONTROL YOUR ROBOTS WELL ENOUGH TO STOP ME!
THOK!
NEURO-TOXINS--! NO WONDER I'VE BEEN FEELING SO GROGGY!

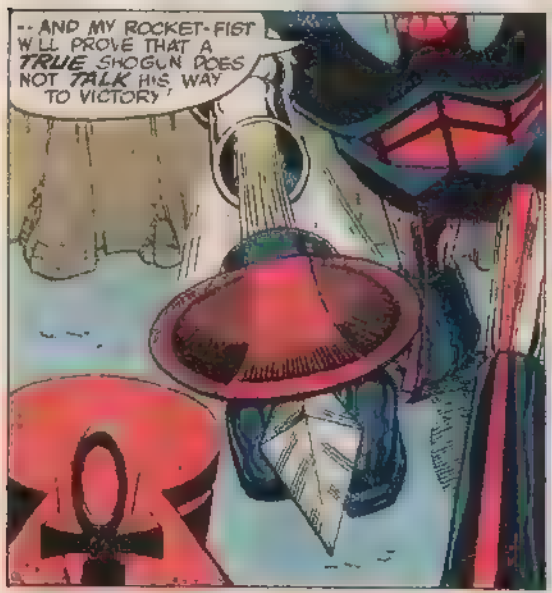

GENJI! TAKE COMBATRA AND HELP DANGARD ACE STOP RAYDEEN!
RICHARD! GET TO SICK BAY IMMEDIATELY!

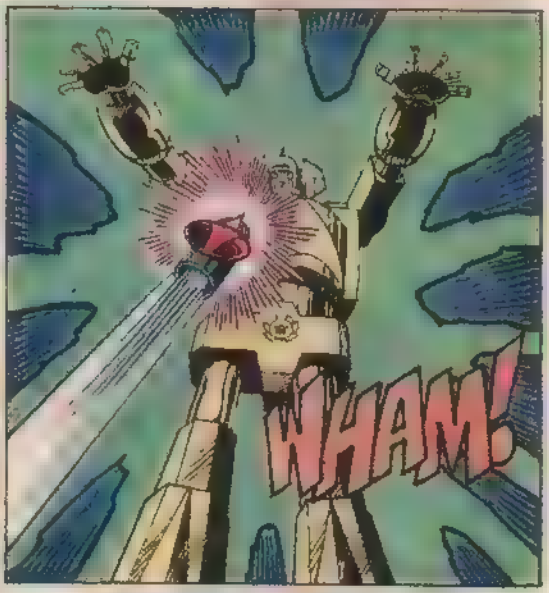

WITH ALL DUE RESPECT SIR, RAYDEEN IS MY RESPONSIBILITY --AND I'M GOING TO HELP GENJI GET HIM BACK!

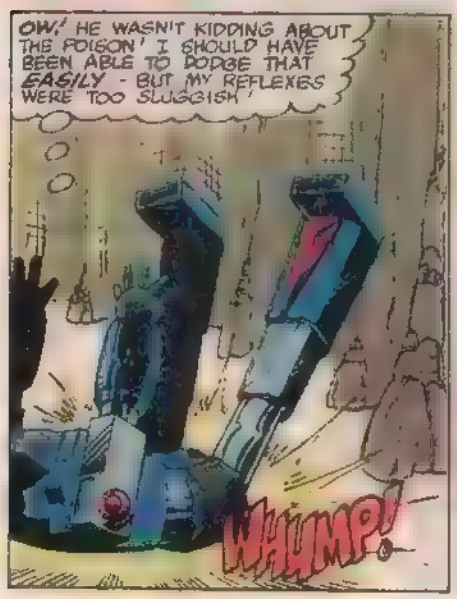

VERY WELL, THEN RICHARD DO WHAT YOU MUST!
MAY THE LIGHT SHINE ON YOU!
MEANWHILE, OUTSIDE...


I GAVE YOU THE CHANCE TO SURRENDER IMPOSTER! NOW YOU WILL FIND THERE ARE FEW DEFENSES AGAINST MY HEAT RAYS!
WHREEE!









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OH, NO! HE'S FIRING A MISSILE-ARROW FROM HIS ARM-BOW! DANGARD ACE CAN WITHSTAND ONE EXPLOSION -- BUT THAT ARROW CARRIES FIVE DIFFERENT DEADLY CHARGES. I ONLY HAVE TIME TO USE ONE DEFENSIVE WEAPON, SO I'D BETTER GET THE RIGHT ONE --
AND IT LOOKS LIKE THE EYE-LASERS WERE IT!
BLAST! I GOT RID OF THE ARROW BUT THE LASER OVERLOADED DANGARD ACE'S SCREENS FOR A MOMENT! WHERE IS RAYDEEN?
BAM!
MY EMPLOYERS WILL BE IMPATIENT! I MUST DISPOSE OF YOU AND RETURN TO MY TASK!
UP IN THE AIR! IT'S GENJI! I'VE GOT TO STALL FOR TIME!
WAIT! WHO ARE YOU? WHO DO YOU WORK FOR? WHY--
SILENCE! YOU HAVE BEEN A WORTHY FOE, DANGARD ACE --
BUT I MUST -- EH? BEHIND ME
COMBATRA!

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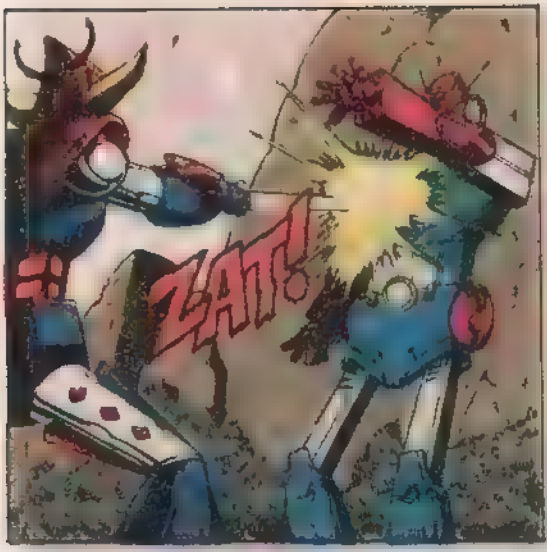
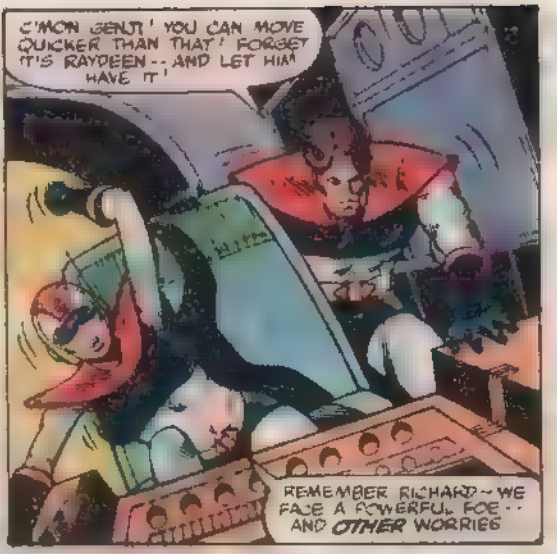
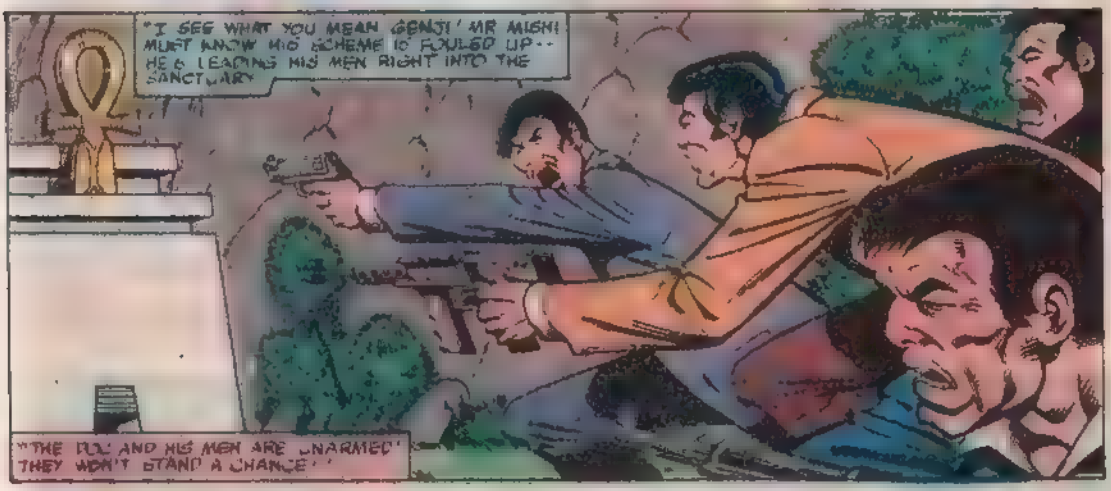
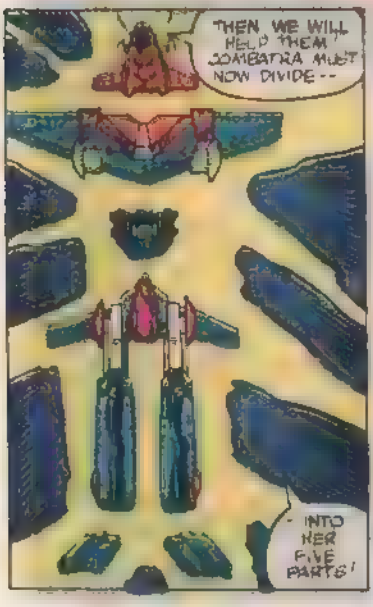
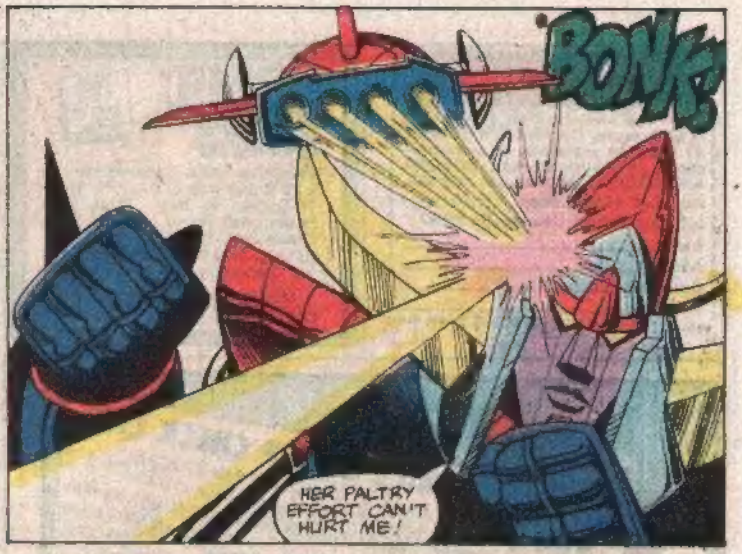

ZAT!

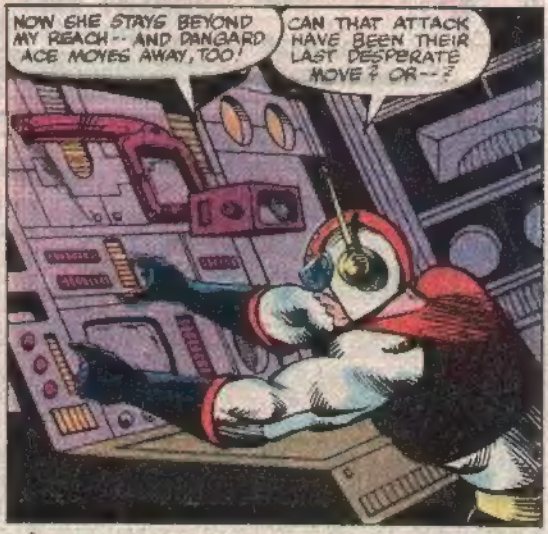

C'MON GENJI! YOU CAN MOVE QUICKER THAN THAT! FORGET IT'S RAYDEEN--AND LET HIM HAVE IT!
REMEMBER RICHARD--WE FACE A POWERFUL FOE--AND OTHER WORRIES

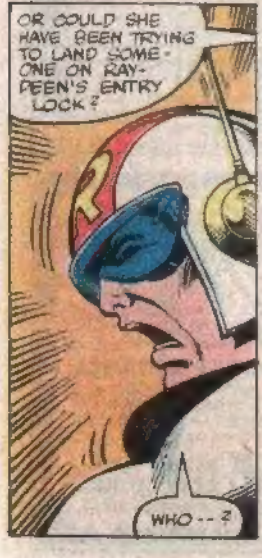

"I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN GENJI! MR MUSHI MUST KNOW HIS SCHEME IS FOULED UP--HE'S LEADING HIS MEN RIGHT INTO THE SANCTUARY
"THE DOC AND HIS MEN ARE UNARMED! THEY WON'T STAND A CHANCE!"

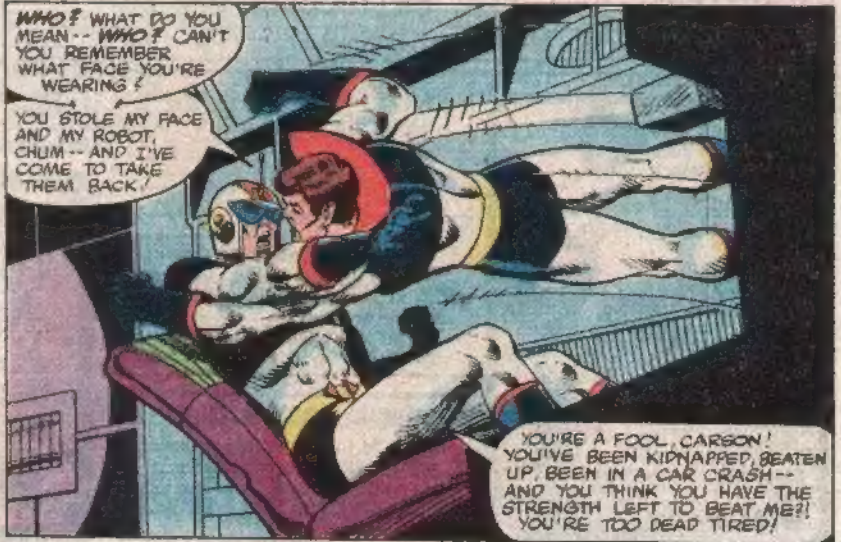

THEN WE WILL HELP THEM! COMBATRA MUST NOW DIVIDE--
INTO HER FIVE PARTS!

LOOK OUT! STAY OUT OF THE WAY OF THESE DEVILISH MACHINES!








WHO? WHAT DO YOU MEAN -- WHO? CAN'T YOU REMEMBER WHAT FACE YOU'RE WEARING?
YOU STOLE MY FACE AND MY ROBOT, CHUM -- AND I'VE COME TO TAKE THEM BACK!
YOU'RE A FOOL, CARSON! YOU'VE BEEN KIDNAPPED, BEATEN UP, BEEN IN A CAR CRASH -- AND YOU THINK YOU HAVE THE STRENGTH LEFT TO BEAT ME?! YOU'RE TOO DEAD TIRED!

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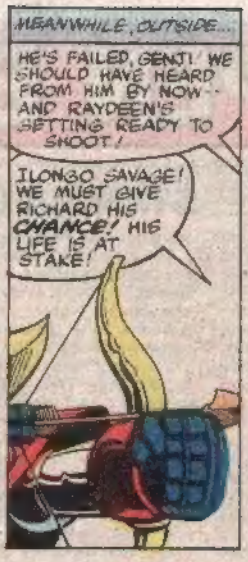
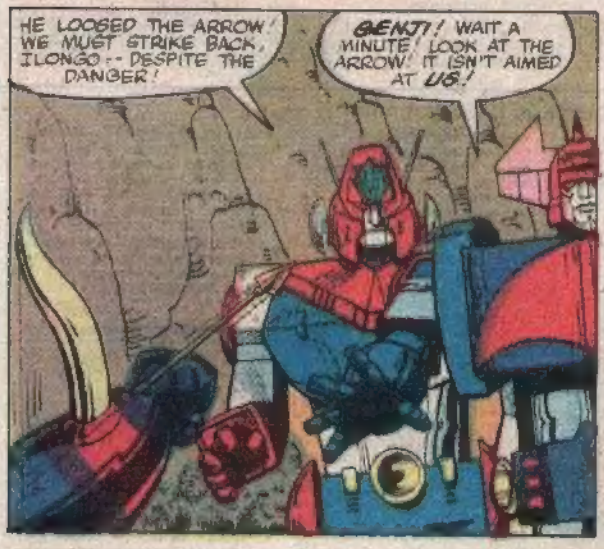
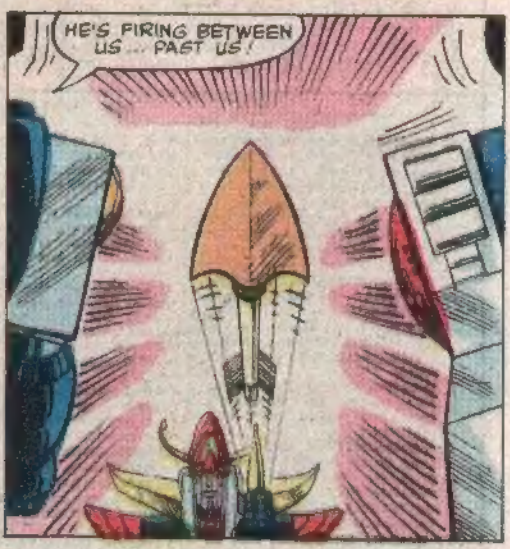
SKIP THE PEP TALK! LET'S SEE WHAT YOUR REAL FACE LOOKS LIKE!
UGH! THAT'LL TEACH ME TO CURB MY CURIOSITY!
CURIOSITY MIGHT WELL HAVE BEEN THE DEATH OF YOU, CARSON-- IF THE HONOR OF KILLING YOU HAD NOT FIRST FALLEN TO ME!
LIE DOWN AND DIE CARSON! YOUR PART IN THIS IS OVER!
YOU HAVE UNWITTINGLY DONE ME A GREAT FAVOR, CARSON!
COMBATRA AND DANGARD ACE MIGHT BE WILLING TO DESTROY RAYDEEN, IF NECESSARY--
-- BUT THEY WILL PERMIT NO HARM TO COME TO RICHARD CARSON! EVEN NOW, THEY KEEP THE ENERGIES THEY USE AGAINST ME AT INEFFECTUAL LEVELS!
THROUGH THEIR WEAKNESS I CAN UTTERLY DEMOLISH THEM-- AND THEN I WILL BE THE ONLY SHOGUN WARRIOR!

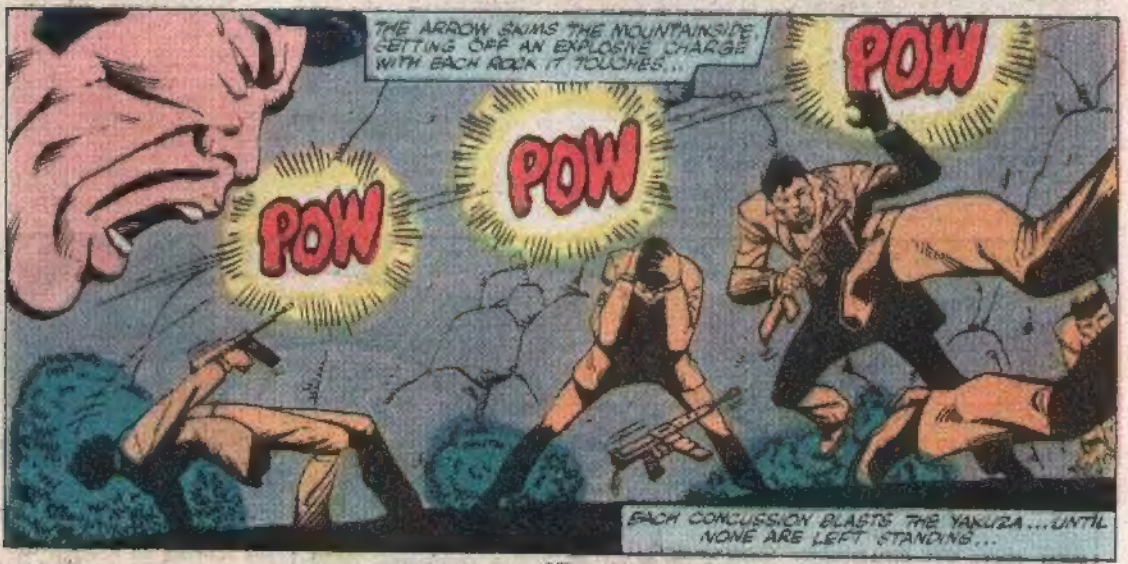
I'M NOT...FINISHED WITH YOU YET... CHUM!
CARSON! BUT-- YOU WERE TOO EXHAUSTED TO MOVE!
YEAH, YAKUZA...I KNOW! YOU'RE STRONGER THAN ME...AND YOU HOLD ALL THE CARDS BUT I'VE GOT A FEW TRICKS...AND I KNOW A THING OR TWO ABOUT WINNING... MYSELF...


MEANWHILE, OUTSIDE...
HE'S FAILED, GENJI! WE SHOULD HAVE HEARD FROM HIM BY NOW-- AND RAYDEEN'S GETTING READY TO SHOOT!
ILONGO SAVAGE! WE MUST GIVE RICHARD HIS CHANCE! HIS LIFE IS AT STAKE!

AS THE TWO WARRIORS DEBATE THEIR COURSE OF ACTION, THEY DO NOT NOTICE THAT BEHIND THEM, THE YAKUZA HAVE REGROUPED--TO INVADE THE SANCTUARY AGAIN!
THIS TIME, STOP FOR NOTHING! SEE THAT NO ONE WITHIN SURVIVES!






THE ARROW SKIMS THE MOUNTAINSIDE, GETTING OFF AN EXPLOSIVE CHARGE WITH EACH ROCK IT TOUCHES...
POW
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EACH CONCUSSION BLASTS THE YAKUZA...UNTIL NONE ARE LEFT STANDING...

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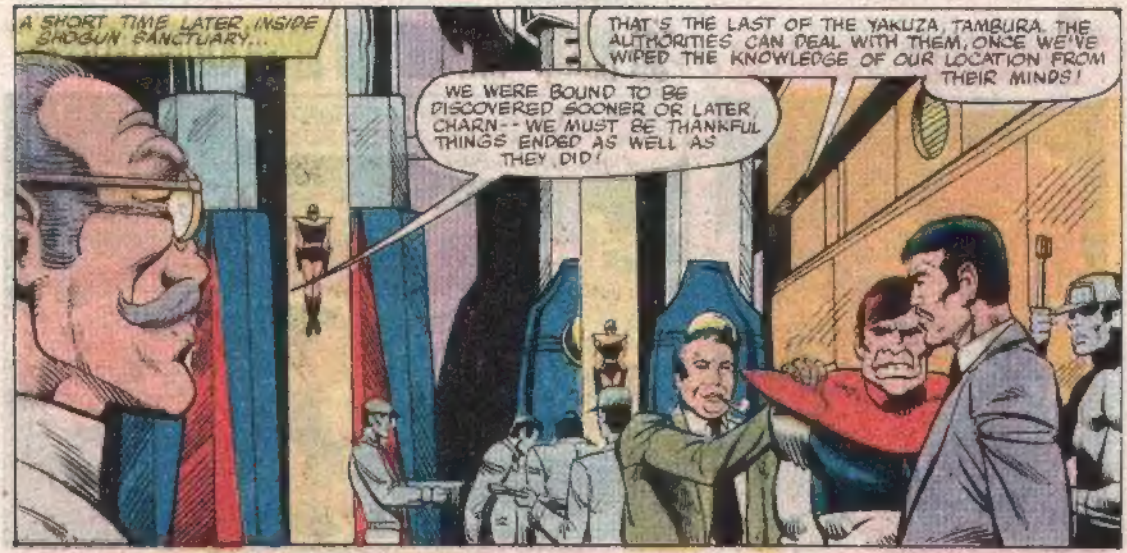
A SHORT TIME LATER, INSIDE SHOGUN SANCTUARY...
WE WERE BOUND TO BE DISCOVERED SOONER OR LATER, CHARN--WE MUST BE THANKFUL THINGS ENDED AS WELL AS THEY DID!
THAT'S THE LAST OF THE YAKUZA, TAMBURA. THE AUTHORITIES CAN DEAL WITH THEM, ONCE WE'VE WIPED THE KNOWLEDGE OF OUR LOCATION FROM THEIR MINDS!

AS FOR YOU, MY WARRIORS--YOU PERFORMED ADMIRABLY, BOTH IN KEEPING DAMAGE TO A MINIMUM AND IN PREVENTING LOSS OF LIFE! WE OWE YOU OUR THANKS!
TELL ME, RICHARD--AS YOU WERE ON THE VERGE OF COLLAPSE, HOW DID YOU STOP SAKANOE?

EASY, SIR! I JUST THREW MY ARM AROUND HIS NECK AND HELD ON FOR DEAR LIFE, USING MY BODY AS DEAD WEIGHT. HE COULDN'T BREATHE...
AND I... I... OHH...

THE LIGHT THAT FAILED!